

News and Citizen

MORRISVILLE AND HYDE PARK

L. H. LEWIS, Editor and Manager

Lamoille County has eight in the Freshman class of the U. V. M. These, with several in the higher classes, is a very good showing for this little county.

A Trade Promoter

The great international credit loan of \$500,000,000, which has been sought by Great Britain and France, has been arranged in this country on terms most satisfactory. Many obstacles were placed in the way of American bankers, but they overcame them all. As an international financial transaction, this loan is unprecedented and international trade will be maintained, indeed, promoted by thus making available the vast resources of the republic, of which France and England need so much. Industry in this country will be spared a crippling blow, which would have fallen had the buying powers of America's two good customers across the water been hampered by lack of credit.

An Odd Explorer

Explorer Stefanson, who has just sent word home of his wanderings for months in the Arctic regions, seems to be a new kind of explorer. Though he has discovered new land in regions heretofore not visited by white men, and though he has made valuable scientific discoveries, he is very modest about it. He says that he and his companions had no hardships at any time and so far as he knows were never in imminent danger.

This is somewhat different from the hectic literature that Dr. Cook produced after his little excursion somewhere among the icebergs to the north of Montreal. Readers will recall his "purple snows", his pair of trained Esquimaux, his gum drops, his brass bar, his hairbreadth escapes, his privations and misfortunes. All of which made good newspaper and magazine stories, if it did not add to the sum total of geographical knowledge. Stefanson seems to have gone into the Arctic to achieve results, not notoriety and literature, and he is a novel specimen of the explorer and pioneer that will be welcomed.

Worthy of All Honor

The close of the Civil War in 1865 was marked by a grand review of veterans of the armies of Grant at Washington. Thousands of American citizen soldiers, still mere lads, passed their victorious commander last week, at the forty-ninth annual reunion of the Grand Army of the Republic at the capitol a few of the surviving veterans, now aged men, repeated the grand review of a half century ago. It was an inspiring and pathetic spectacle the march of the remnant of the mighty army which saved the Union, and when the nation remembers what these men wrought it did not fail to pay the respect and honor due the survivors of the great conflict which preserved the republic. In the neighborhood of twenty thousand veterans passed in review of the President on this occasion, taking about four hours to do so, while on the former occasion, some two hundred thousand passed in review of President Johnson, taking two days to do so. Surely, time has wrought great change in the G. A. R. ranks.

The Proof of Protection

Great Britain needs more money. The war has imposed an enormous burden on the colossal empire. New sources of revenue must be found and taxes, already excessive, will be vastly increased. Under pressure of the demand for more revenue, the principle of free trade will be abandoned.

The Democratic party in this country, after a disastrous experiment with a low tariff, will have to come around to the Republican theory of protection to raise revenues enough to meet the cost of government. Even with a so called war tax, the treasury faces a big deficit. Democratic tariff policies have cost the country dear, but the price may be well worth paying if the country is finally convinced that the Democratic party did not know what it was talking about when it declared that a protective tariff increased the cost of living and was the fruitful source of social and economic unrest.

On the contrary, three years of Wilson has proved that protection is the foundation of American prosperity, and that when the foundation is destroyed the entire superstructure, built up by many years of Republican faithfulness to this principle, must certainly fall.

The New Haven railroad system is planning to cut off several of its passenger trains, and the reason given is because of the increased use of motor vehicles. The reason would be more plausible were the action to be taken at the opening, rather than at the close of the motor vehicle season. The St. Johnsbury & Lake St. Champlain railroad is to take off two trains, but the managers thereof have not as yet laid the blame on motor vehicles.—Barre Times

So far as the St. J. & L. C. trains are concerned we know that the two trains that have been taken off were run at an immense loss to the railroad, not paying us are told, for the fuel consumed. Much as the public would like these trains continued, we do not see how they could be continued at such a loss. It is evident that the automobiles are an injury to railroads, as far as passenger traffic is concerned.

NEWS AND CITIZEN SUE!

State's Attorney Maurice Takes Exceptions to Statements Recently Made in This Paper By a Correspondent and Brings an Action for \$10,000 Damages

M. P. Maurice, State's Attorney for Lamoille county, has brought an action against the NEWS AND CITIZEN for libel, claiming that in its issue of Sept. 8th it published an article, signed by "Legal Standpoint," in which insinuations were made reflecting upon him and his character. The article in question, was written by a correspondent and criticised the action of the court in its method of procedure against the 85 persons who failed to blow their horns when rounding street corners in Morrisville on a certain Sunday. The article did not mention Mr. Maurice's name, but it did take liberty to criticise the action of the court. We hold that this we had a right to do, either editorially or by correspondent, for no public official can escape criticism, and a newspaper, or an individual, has the liberty to criticise what a public servant does.

We publish herewith the letters received by the editor from Mr. Maurice and the letter that the editor wrote him in reply to his first letter. To the second letter no reply was made because the editor believed it unworthy of notice.

Here are the letters:—

Mr. Maurice's First Letter

MORRISVILLE, Vt.,

Sept. 11, 1915

L. H. LEWIS—
DEAR SIR:—I have submitted your libel published in the last issue of the News & Citizen, signed "Legal Standpoint," with your heading thereon, to some of the best attorneys in the State, and have in mind just what my rights and your liabilities are. I also have submitted to the attorneys copies of the letter which you see fit to call a criminal hold up, and have all correspondence with the various parties to whom the letter which you say violates the laws, was sent.

I will say to you that this is the rank, est thing that has ever come to my knowledge from a paper published in this state, and why you should publish an article of that kind, unless you did so maliciously is beyond my understanding, and I shall hold you responsible for the same.

However, I have not the same disposition to injure some one that you seem to have, and I shall be at Hyde Park, Monday, the 13th of Sept., and if you have anything to say in regard to what action you will take in this matter, you can have an opportunity to do so. If not, such action will be taken as the matter seems to require. If you see fit to disclose the name of the party signing themselves "Legal Standpoint," that will be considered in this connection.

Yours respt.,

M. P. MAURICE.

To this the editor replied as follows:

The Editor's Reply

HYDE PARK, Vt.,

Sept. 14, 1915.

M. P. MAURICE, Morrisville—
MY DEAR MAURICE:—Your letter of recent date is at hand. You take a very wrong position when you intimate that I wish to do you harm in the case referred to, or in any other case. The manner in which I have treated you in all the years that you have been in Morrisville ought to convince you that I have no desire to do you any injury.

However, you should not overlook the fact that the NEWS AND CITIZEN is a public journal and that its columns are always open to all, and that at any time anybody feels aggrieved at any statements made, either by us or by a communication, they have an opportunity to so express themselves through our columns.

Now, if "Legal Standpoint" made any statements that you do not like, or think are not true, it is your privilege to correct them—a privilege which we shall be only too glad to give you. It is our desire that all sides be heard in this case, or any other case of public interest. It is for you to correct any erroneous statements if they have been made. We will gladly publish anything that you desire.

Yours truly,

L. H. LEWIS.

Mr. Maurice's Second Letter

MORRISVILLE, Vt.,

Sept. 15, 1915.

L. H. LEWIS—
DEAR SIR:—Replying to your letter of the 14th inst., will say that I note what you say about not wanting to do me an injury, and this is the very thing that caused me to be so much surprised that you should allow the use of your paper for the publication of a libel of the kind of last week, and especially from one who did not dare sign his name to the article. I shall not enter into a newspaper controversy with anyone about this matter, and for that reason I have no use for your columns in which to make a reply.

You know as well as I, that a "dam" he travels faster than all the truth you can send after it will ever catch up with, and this is the case with this article. I can, nor can anyone estimate the damage done by the article in question. You know that to accuse one as this does of not only a violation of the postal laws, but of perpetrating "a sort of official

criminal holdup through the U. S. mails and extorting so much money," and your black-face type heading, is more than hearing both sides of a case in the public interest. Practically every statement in the article is untrue and libellous, and you should have known it. You also know that you are the one who must hold yourself responsible for this publication, and it is to you that I look for its being taken care of. I have the written opinion of the Attorney-General of the state in the matter, and the whole subject was at once brought to the attention of the U. S. District Attorney for this district. I can say to you that I have ample authority for stating that the article is false and its charges libellous, and have ample counsel from the best attorneys in the state in the matter.

There is only one thing that will save this matter being taken to the courts, and I realize that in saying that this can be disposed of as indicated below, that it will never wipe out the damage done by the article, but I am not looking for anything except to be put as near right again as possible. So if you will comply with the following in your next issue, the matter will be dropped so far as your paper and myself are concerned:—

1. Give me the name and address of the person writing the article signed "Legal Standpoint."
2. Retract the entire article, stating it to be untrue, without any comment thereon, in your editorial column, with an apology for the printing of the same. And this to be in a decent manner and style satisfactory to me. The article to be submitted to me before publication.

I would say that I do not ask that you give the name and address of "Legal Standpoint" in your paper, simply inform me of same. I will attend to the rest.

I am somewhat surprised that you did not see me at Hyde Park last week, and I am told that you are out of town today. I trust that I have made this plain. Yours respt.,

M. P. MAURICE.

The press dispatches from Morrisville indicate a very pretty fuss when the suit of State's Atty Mel P. Maurice against the News and Citizen comes to trial—if it ever does. It involves the right of a contributor to criticise a public officer under a nom de plume and also the right of the publisher to refuse the name of the author. Incidentally, too, the trial would be apt to throw some light on the somewhat summary and offhand methods said to have been characteristic of the celebrated proceedings against the 85 motorists.—Rutland Herald.

Garfield

D. H. Bedell of Morrisville was a business visitor in this place last Friday.

E. O. Combs and Earl Mower were business visitors in Wolcott on Saturday.

Harry Sager and Mr. Martin from Albany were recent guests at the home of Mrs. Laplant.

Homer Lanpher and Clifton DeNio of Hyde Park were business visitors in this place one day last week.

Morrill Gates and wife were called to Johnson last week to attend the funeral of Mr. Gates' step-father Eugene Grow.

Mrs. Aletta Davis was a guest of her sister, Mrs. Roy Jones, at Morrisville Corners Thursday and Friday of last week.

Henry Saunders of Morrisville is at Albert Sherwood's, assisting in packing and crating their goods, and plans to start for Florida Thursday with a car of goods and stock.

Mrs. Mary Culver and Mrs. Emma Cobb of Stowe have been spending a few days with relatives in this place, ending their visit at Fred Jackson's on Sunday, where there was an informal gathering of relatives.

Arthur Munson and family and Mrs. Norman Hull took an auto trip to North Hyde Park last Thursday. They were accompanied home by R. C. Munson who had been spending some time there with his children.

THOSE WHO PAID THE FINE

For Not Sounding Auto Horn

Herewith is the list of those auto drivers who have paid their fines for failing to sound their horns when rounding street corners in Morrisville on that memorable Sunday in August last. We understand there were 83 who were notified, but of that number some were erroneously "tabooed," which cuts the number down to 71. Justice LaFountain informs us that all have paid up except one and that he claims "that he did sound his horn." That person is Ernest Foss of Morrisville and he tells us he will never pay up. We further understand that a large majority of those who did "come to time" did so under protest and that the end is not yet.

At a meeting of the board of Village Trustees, held July 13 last, State's Atty Maurice appeared before the board and explained the automobile laws. The board voted to insert a warning in the papers and cases of violation were left with Trustees Parker to report to Mr. Maurice.

In the issue of the News and Citizen of July 14 notice was given to automobile operators as follows—"The law requires that your signal be sounded on rounding a curve or at the intersection of highways." The result of this was that on Sunday, Aug. 8, Trustee Parker, with the aid of Deputy Sheriff Drowne, "took observations" and made a record of those who failed to comply with the law. These names were given the State's Attorney and he took action. While this paper has a good circulation outside of this county it does not, like a certain brand of paint "cover the earth," and therefore the aforesaid action of trustees did not become known to a large majority of those who were "gathered in." Here is the list:

C. H. A. Stafford, Morrisville	\$4.00
Roy Stafford, "	4.00
Guy Stafford, "	4.00
Geo. C. Morse, "	4.00
Homer Smith, "	4.00
Mrs. W. B. Somerville, "	4.00
F. B. Decell, "	4.00
A. J. Valleau, "	4.00
Geo. Olmstead, "	4.00
F. L. George, "	4.00
H. C. Fisk, "	4.00
S. E. Stevens, "	4.00
C. F. Searles, "	4.00
Fred Stowell, "	4.00
A. H. Calkins, "	4.00
Joe. Roy, "	4.00
B. L. Durgan, "	4.00
H. T. Kellogg, "	4.00
F. R. Child, "	4.00
C. F. Smith, "	4.00
F. G. Souther, "	4.00
A. W. Lanpher, Johnson	4.00
C. P. Jones, "	4.00
J. H. Gray, Hyde Park	4.00
R. K. Carson, "	4.00
W. L. Morgan, Stowe	4.00
W. T. Burt, "	4.00
Harry Magoon, "	4.00
H. E. Shaw, "	4.00
A. L. Gale, "	4.00
Herman Banks, Cambridge	4.00
E. N. Melvin, "	4.00
F. L. Start, "	4.00
J. F. Elker, "	4.00
C. W. Jones, Wolcott	4.00
L. B. Andrus, "	4.00
C. J. Laclair, Barre	4.00
John Berg, "	4.00
C. W. Steele, "	4.00
E. J. Talbert, "	4.00
F. D. Sarlett, "	4.00
H. E. Cutler, "	4.00
Jos. Gilbender, "	4.00
W. G. Simpson, "	4.00
Mrs. P. M. Carr, "	4.00
Ralph Miles, Barton	4.00
A. J. Danies, Greensboro	4.00
A. W. Steinberg, "	4.00
John Burnham, "	4.00
D. L. Sanford, Hardwick	4.00
J. L. Berry, "	4.00
F. S. Farrand, "	4.00
M. P. Perley, Enosburg Falls	4.00
W. H. White, Troy	4.00
E. D. Truax, "	4.00
A. J. Blair, Burlington	4.00
G. M. Beset, "	4.00
Cross Brothers, Northfield	4.00

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G. J. Taylor, Montpelier	4.00
Edw. Gill, "	4.00
H. M. Canham, "	4.00
P. F. Hazen, St. Johnsbury	4.00
F. E. Spaulding, "	4.00
H. L. Rogers, Walden	4.00
Fred Mead, Waterbury	4.00
M. H. Moody, "	4.00
E. M. Daniels, Woodbury	4.00
F. L. Kempt, Craftsbury	4.00
G. N. Howe, Orleans	4.00
C. H. McCauley, Newport	4.00

Herewith are copies of the letters sent out by the State's Attorney to the "violators":—

MORRISVILLE, Vt., 8-10-1915.

DEAR SIR:—Complaint has been made to me that on the 8th day of August you drove your automobile around a curve in the public highway, and by the intersection of Portland and Congress streets, in the village of Morrisville, Vermont, without sounding your signal.

A warrant has been issued for your arrest, and if necessary will be placed in the hands of an officer. All are returnable at my office in Morrisville before D. A. LaFountain, a Justice of the Peace.

In a case of this kind a plea of guilty may be entered by attorney if you do not wish to come to Morrisville for this purpose. We have decided to impose a fine in each case on a plea of guilty of \$1.00 and costs. This would amount, if we do not have to send an officer for you, to \$4.00; so if you wish to enter a plea of guilty, if you will send me this amount with your age and occupation, I will see that a plea of guilty is entered for you and your fine and costs are paid.

If you do not wish to do this a warrant will be placed in the hands of an officer for your arrest. Give this matter your attention this week. Yours respt.,

M. P. MAURICE, State's Atty.

MORRISVILLE, Vt., 8-20-1915.

DEAR SIR:—The Trustees of the village asked me to have a roll pros entered in each of the automobile cases and to have the judgment against those who had paid their fines struck off and the money returned.

I am advised by the Attorney General that the Justice has no authority to strike off and pay back the money, and it would not be fair to those who have paid to drop all the other cases; so I am calling your attention to the fact that no settlement has been made by you and that you may have your case disposed of as indicated in my first letter any time this month. Yours respt.,

M. P. MAURICE.

Centerville

Mr. and Mrs. Amos Davis were recent visitors at Bristol.

Mrs. Ella Grimes is now acting as housekeeper for Chester Holbrook.

Miss Ruth Manning has been spending a few days with relatives at the Street.

Some state work is being done in the neighborhood of the Chas. Noyes farm.

Mrs. Davidson and sons, who have been stopping here for several weeks, have bought a farm on Johnson Plot to which place they moved on Wednesday of last week.

They had a sort of family re-union at the Campbell home last Sunday. In addition to all of "Aunt Lucy's" children and families being present there were several other visitors—making over thirty present. A fine dinner was served and all had a splendid time.

While at work in filling his silo last Monday afternoon, Elbridge Collins had the misfortune to get the index finger of his left hand caught in the gear of the carrier. The finger was badly crushed to the first joint and the second finger was somewhat bruised. Dr. Leach dressed the wounds and is in hopes of saving the injured members. "El" continues on the job just the same, but isn't doing much manual labor at present.

McKinstry Hill

L. Shepard's health is very poor.

Sam'l Jones who has been sick is some better.

Mrs. B. E. Wheeler was in Morrisville Saturday.

Mrs. B. E. Wheeler is suffering from rheumatism.

Bert Bowen has finished work on the road and is now at home.

C. S. Ingalls of Underhill was a business visitor on the Hill last week.

Mrs. Harvey Stewart and daughter Marjorie of Lowell were guests at Geo. Stewart's, Tuesday and Wednesday.

Waterville

Eugene Titltonson was in Troy Monday.

Mrs. Olga Smith is visiting in Orleans.

Rome Bennett has moved into Laraway's tenement over the shop.

Elba Stockwell has sold his village property to Mrs. Alma Baldwin.

The Ladies' Aid Society will give a Harvest supper at their hall Friday evening, Oct. 8.

Mrs. Harry Gould and children of Hardwick are guests of her mother, Mrs. Albert Guyette.

Berton Willey and wife of Greensboro visited his mother, Mrs. Edia Willey, the first of the week.

Mrs. Mildred Abbott of Milton was the guest of her mother, Mrs. Florence Lumbra, over Sunday.

John Patterson and bride were given a reception at their home on upper Main street Friday evening.

Cady's Falls

E. K. Seaver was in Barre the first of the week.

H. R. Jones will start his meat business again this week.

Mrs. N. E. Cobleigh visited friends in Swanton over Sunday.

Carroll Munn of Johnson has bought the Frank Stearns place.

Miss Maud Darrah was a visitor at Earl Whittemore's over Sunday.

L. J. Smith and wife visited at Joseph Towle's in Wolcott the past week.

Geo. Hicks has moved into the house, recently purchased of Henry Jones'.

Leo Baker has bought the E. W. Clough place and will take possession soon.

Everett Calkins and family were at J. J. Gilmore's in Hyde Park over Sunday.

Glen Curtis and family from Fletcher were guests at N. E. Cobleigh's the past week.

Fred Jones has started a milk route through here, which is greatly appreciated.

Earl Whittemore has been in Burlington the past week, being treated for catarrh.

Miss Vivian Douglass and Miss Gladys Shufelt were recent visitors at Oscar Sherwin's.

Mrs. P. R. Gale and Miss Elizabeth Clarkson were visitors at Elmer Houston's last Saturday.

Miss Beniah Sherwood, who has spent several weeks with her sister in California, returned home Monday night.

C. B. Terrill and wife came from Caspian Lake last Saturday to spend a few days before going to Middlefield, Conn.

Long Winter Evenings

Are pleasant when you have one of those beautiful, large size, upright mahogany pianos that Geo. D. Jarvis & Son of Burlington, Vermont, are selling this month only for \$175 on terms of \$10 down and \$8 per month. Send for free catalogue giving full description. Adv.

ORDER OF PUBLICATION

DORIS FERNANDEZ VS. ANTHONY FERNANDEZ
WHEREAS, Doris Fernandez of Morrisville in the county of Lamoille in the State of Vermont, has this day filed in the office of the Clerk of the county court, for said county her libel for a divorce against Anthony Fernandez setting forth in substance that she was on the 8th day of October, 1912, lawfully married to the said Anthony Fernandez and that she and said libellee lived together as husband and wife in the county of Lamoille until on or about June 28th, 1914, that the libellant has resided in the county of Lamoille for the past year; and has faithfully performed all the marriage obligations incumbent upon her; that on or about the 6th day of June, 1914, the said libellee treated the said libellant with intolerable severity and being of sufficient pecuniary and ability to provide for her maintenance without cause grossly wantonly and cruelly refused so to do. And praying that the bonds of matrimony between her and the said libellee be dissolved, and that she be granted a bill of divorce. And it appearing that said libellee is without this State, and that no summons can be served on him.

IT IS ORDERED, that the libellant notify the libellee of the pendency of said petition and summon him to appear at the term of the county court, to be held at Hyde Park, within and for the county of Lamoille on the first Wednesday after the first Tuesday in December, 1915, on the first day thereof and answer to the same, by causing the substance of said petition and this order to be published three weeks successively in the News & Citizen, a newspaper printed at Morrisville & Hyde Park in said county, the last publication to be at least six weeks previous to the commencement of said term.

Dated at Hyde Park, in said county, this 6th day of October, 1915.

SMITH B. WAITE, Clerk.